Statement-III

Statement indicating the State-wise position of number of projects to be submitted for sanction

(Position as on 14-7-2001)

Sl. No.	State	No. of Projects
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Haryana	2
3.	Himachal Pradesh	1
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
5.	Karnataka	1
6.	Meghalaya	1
7.	Tamil Nadu	2
8.	West Bengal	1

Import duty Exemption for Sardar Sarovar Project

*31. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the River Bed Power House of Sardar Sarovar Project is fulfilling the required criteria for inclusion in the list of projects specially exempted from payment of import duty;

(b) if so, whether Gujarat has proposed for including this project in the said list;

(c) if so, the reasons for not including the same so far; and

(d) by when, it will be included in the aforesaid list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) As a pre-existing project, the River bed Power House of Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat does not qualify for being

accorded the status of deemed mega power project and exemption from payment of import duty on the Turbo Generator Sets. The Government of Gujarat had submitted a proposal to the Government of India for according status of mega power project, and exemption from payment of import duty on Turbo Generator Sets for the project, as special case. The State Government have been requested by the Ministry of Power to furnish additional information in connection with their proposal and confirmation from the State Government regarding adherence to all the conditions of the revised mega power policy applicable to public sector mega power projects. Response from the Government of Gujarat is awaited.

Irregularities in Palm Oil Import

*32. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain palm oil importing companies have been found to be indulging in under invoicing;

(b) if so, whether Government held an intensive investigation in this regard;

(c) the companies which have been found to be involved in under invoicing; and

(d) what action has been taken against the erring companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Certain investigation into alleged under invoicing by 9 firms/companies having imported palm Oil or RBD Palmolein, mostly after February, 2001, are being carried out by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and the Commissioner of Customs at Trichy.

(d) In the searches carried out in the premises of some of these firms/companies, incriminating documents and various records have been recovered. Detailed examination and other related investigations are being carried out in all these cases. On conclusion of the investigations, wherever evidence of evasion of duty by under invoicing comes to light, show-cause-cum-demand notices will be